

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Twelve Soviet submarines were seen in the harbor of Ventspils (N57-24. E21-31) [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] Eight were of the same type [REDACTED]  
Four submarines of a different type were noted also [REDACTED] The  
M-class submarines had a gun forward of the conning tower.<sup>1</sup>

2. Twelve submarine chasers seen in the harbor of Ventspils [REDACTED] 25X1  
[REDACTED] carried one gun forward of the bridge, estimated  
to be caliber 105 mm, and twin guns of about caliber 20 mm aft.<sup>2</sup>

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Ventspils has been mentioned as a submarine base repeatedly in previous reports.

2. [REDACTED] Comment. It is believed that the 12 submarine chasers are permanently 25X1  
stationed at Ventspils. [REDACTED] two submarine  
chasers leave port every day, presumably on patrol.

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